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SUBJECT: U.S. GSP AND THE REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE

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1. TARIFF CATEGORY 90.28(31) IS INCLUDED IN LIST I OF  
ANNEX II OF EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT, DISTRIBUTED WITH GATT  
DOCUMENT L/4002, MARCH 8, 1974. LIST I GIVES PRODUCTS  
ON WHICH LEBANON HAS AGREED TO ACCORD TO EC 70 PERCENT  
TARIFF REDUCTION.

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2. CATEGORY 90.28(31) APPEARS IN LEBANESE TARIFF  
SCHEDEULE PUBLISHED IN MARCH 1967 "BULLETIN INTERNATIONAL

DES DOUANES," WHICH IS MOST RECENT ISSUE FOR LEBANON IN THAT SERIES AND IS LATEST SCHEDULE IN FILES HERE. FILE COPY OF SCHEDULE AS ANNOTATED TO INCORPORATE REPORTED CHANGES DOES NOT SHOW SUBCATEGORIES AS OF 1972 REPORTED REF B. WE NOW FIND IN FILES INFORMATION INDICATING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO SUBCATEGORIES UNDER 90.28, PUBLISHED IN MAY 17, 1973 ISSUE OF BRITISH DEPARTMENT OF TRADE JOURNAL "TRADE AND INDUSTRY." ACCORDING THAT SOURCE, CATEGORY 90.28 (SHOWN AS

"ELECTRICAL MEASURING, CHECKING, ANALYZING OR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING INSTRUMENT AND APPARATUS") IS AMENDED TO SHOW SUBCATEGORY 90.28 (33) D, "INTENDED FOR INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS FOR THE CINEMA AND VIDEO TAPE RECORDING INDUSTRY," WITH STANDARD DUTY RATE OF 1 PERCENT; AND SUBCATEGORY 90.28 (41) E, "OTHER," WITH STANDARD DUTY RATE OF 11 PERCENT. LATTER IS PRESUMABLY THE SUBCATEGORY OF CONCERN TO U.S.

3. BECAUSE 1973 INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE INDICATES SUBCATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM THOSE GIVEN IN BOTH REFTELS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SECURING FROM APPROPRIATE GOL AUTHORITIES SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN OF SUBCATEGORIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY INCLUDED UNDER CATEGORY 90.28, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF EACH AND THEIR APPLICABLE DUTY RATE. EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT PROVIDES IN ANNEX II, ARTICLE 1(2) FOR MAINTENANCE OF SAME PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS FOR EC WHEN ALTERATIONS ARE MADE IN TARIFF SCHEDULE. UNLESS DUTY RATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED, PRODUCTS ON WHICH POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREA WAS NOTED IN REF A ARE PRESUMABLY STILL FOUND UNDER ONE OR MORE SUBCATEGORIES OF 90.28 SUBJECT TO 11 PERCENT STANDARD DUTY RATE WITH CONSEQUENT MARGIN OF PREFERENCE OF CONCERN TO U.S.

4. AMEMBASSY SHOULD DRAW UPON REF A, AS APPROPRIATE, IN EXPLAINING U.S. INTEREST AND THEREBY SETTING FOUNDATION FOR LATER REPRESENTATION WHEN OBJECTIVE OF U.S. CONCERN CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF GOL TARIFF SCHEDULE CLASSIFICATION. INGERSOLL  
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